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## Through the eyes of a produce farmer

By Stevi Pondelick

Imagine it's snowing outside and you're inside a steamy warm greenhouse planting rows of tiny seeds. You take your time sowing each and every seed, hoping that it will one day grow into a strong and healthy plant. They're like children ... you give them a nice home, feed them and then when they reach the right age, you set them out on their own and hope for the best.

Growing vegetables isn't something I recommend for the weak of heart. It takes a lot of early mornings and long days to tend to each plant. We spend our winters planting seeds in a greenhouse and wishing for high yields. When spring hits we start our harvest and sell spring crops from our greenhouse. Spring vegetables and fruits grown for sale include asparagus, peas, broccoli, green onions, radishes, kohlrabi, swiss chard, rhubarb, lettuce and strawberries. In addition to picking, harvesting and selling in spring, the farm family also prepares for summer and fall by planting more crops.

Near the end of spring, we attend markets on a weekly schedule during the season and

take great pride in bringing the freshest healthy local produce to market for your convenience. Because these markets take place during the day, picking and preparing our produce is no easy task. We want our produce to be as fresh as possible, which means picking and harvest normally happens the morning before heading to different locations to sell. Some of our summer produce includes sweet corn, tomatoes, green beans, zucchini, summer squash, cabbage, carrots, onions, potatoes, cucumbers, eggplant, beets, turnips, raspberries, peaches, nectarines, plums, grapes, cherries, blueberries, watermelons and cantaloupe.

Theis Farm Market still has a lot to offer during the cooler, colorful time of year known as fall. In addition to fruits and vegetables we also sell a lot of different types of harvest decorations like gourds, pumpkins, squash and Indian corn. Fall is also the time to prepare for the winter, where wreaths are handmade and Christmas trees are sold. After Christmas season passes, we start all over again with planting in the greenhouse for spring.

Like I said...vegetable farming is a full time job that is not for the weak of heart. I live and breathe vegetables, all year long. Bringing quality, local

produce to the people is something that my entire family takes pride in. It's something that we love to do. It's a joy passing on a family tradition and sharing

our lives with the customers. Farming produce isn't something you do to make millions...it's something you do because you love it.

Clockwise from left:

Stevi Pondelick (pictured) and husband Robert help run Theis Farm Market, which has been in the family since 1981. Family owned and operated, they are constantly striving to meet new demands by delivering even better tasting produce and higher quality products to customers. They specialize in vegetables, fresh flowers, fall décor, and Christmas Trees.

In addition to attending weekly markets, Theis Farm sets up produce stands at various locations, including the Kane County Farm Bureau. Stevi Pondelick sets up on Mondays and Fridays in the Farm Bureau parking lot during the summer and fall growing seasons.

Certain fruits and vegetables are planted in large greenhouses in the winter. Greenhouses like this one are used at Theis Farm to maintain an appropriate growing atmosphere for plants, even in the dead of winter and snowing outside.



## Support agricultural education & get '31 Days of Christmas'

A neck tie, a pair of socks, a gym membership...no no no. Those are not Christmas gifts fit for your family and friends. And why make them wait? Give them something now, to look forward to the whole month of December, with a ticket for the Kane County Farm Bureau

Foundation's "31 Days of Christmas" raffle.

The not-for-profit Foundation has already started selling tickets for their "31 Days of Christmas" raffle. This unique raffle allows ticket holders the

chance to win a prize every day for the whole month of December, with the opportunity to win more than one prize. All prizes are valued between \$200 to \$500. Winning numbers will be determined by an exact match

of the evening Pick 3 Illinois Lottery number for that day (less Fireball). Prizes will include a wide variety of outdoor favorites including kayaks, canoes, coolers, hunting and camping gear, and much more! Winners will receive a Cabela's gift card in the exact value of the prize. So if that prize you win isn't just right for you, choose something more appropriate (up to the value of your prize) from Cabela's wide selection of sporting goods.

All proceeds benefit KCFB Foundation scholarship programs. Tickets are on sale now until November 30th for \$20 each. Purchase tickets with your lucky number(s) now by calling the Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660. Ticket numbers are first come, first served. If we cannot meet your request, ticket number(s) will be assigned at random.

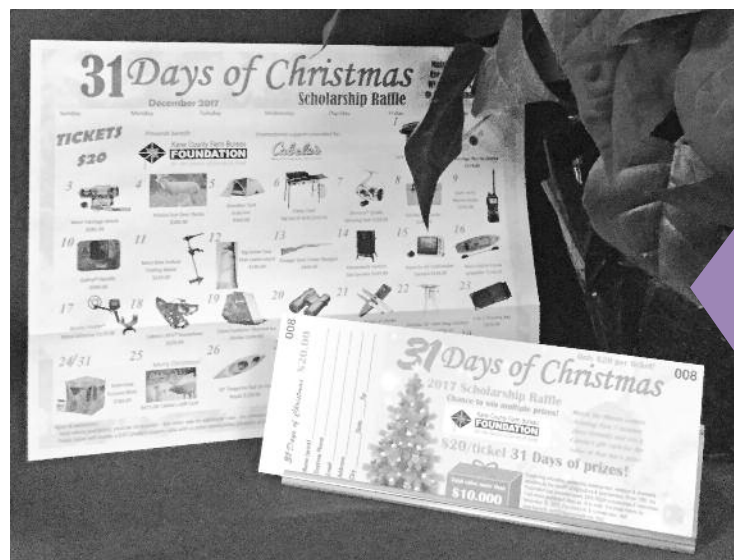
Visit [www.kanecfb.com](http://www.kanecfb.com) for more details.

Reserve your lucky numbers now in the KCFB Foundation's "31 Days of Christmas" Scholarship Raffle. It offers thousands of dollars in prizes and you can choose your prize with a Cabela's gift card good for the value of the prize!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

### September

- September 4**  
Labor Day, KCFB Office Closed
- September 7**  
Board of Directors, 7:30 pm
- September 12**  
Ag Stormwater Committee, 5:00 pm
- September 13**  
Young Farmers at Kane County Country Market, 5:30 pm
- September 15**  
Last Day to bid on Silent Auction Items
- September 15-17**  
Big Rock Plow Match
- September 17-23**  
National Farm Safety and Health Week



### September Featured Product Pork Roast

The special this month is 3 individually wrapped, 24 ounce boneless pork roasts cut from the most tender part of the pork loin. It is designed to be cooked just like beef to an internal temperature of 145°F, sliced thin and used as an entrée. The roast is netted together and vacuum sealed to preserve the lemon-rosemary marinade. The special is offered for \$19 to Farm Bureau Members, \$17 to Plus Members, and \$23 to non-members.



The 2017 Illinois corn and soybean crops are expected to yield at 169.5 bushels per acre and 49.4 bushels per acre respectively, which are larger than originally expected. With harvest season upon us, make sure to take care on roads where farmers are likely to be traveling. Cars are easier to maneuver than some farm implements, so make sure you ensure the safety of all involved by looking out for farmers during this season.

# KCFB Board meeting review

The August meeting of the Kane County Farm Bureau Board of Directors was called to order at 7:30 pm on August 3, 2017.

President White gave his report, followed by the Managers report from Steve Arnold. Arnold gave information to directors about the NEW IFB Benefits app and how many people downloaded the app, a report on income received from the County Fair this year and copies of the July Membership Matters Monthly and July/August calendar of events.

Mike Kenyon reported on County Board and Forest Preserve District activities.

Bill Collins gave the PR & Membership Report. He informed the board of contributions to the KCFB Foundation during the previous month including: Bucket and Silent Auction donors, and FOUNDATION contributions by AGCO Parts employees of Batavia, for the new "AGCO Platinum" scholarship for 2018.

Wayne Schneider reported

on government affairs topics. Directors were provided with the information about the IFB Leaders to Washington Program. Registration was extended to August 9. He reminded the Board to sign the petition to Rescind the WOTUS Rule. To sign the petition, visit [www.ilfb.org/actioncenter](http://www.ilfb.org/actioncenter) or access the campaign directly by texting the keyword "END WOTUS" to the number "52886". 2500 signatures are needed by August 21.

Schneider also invited the Board to attend a "Farm Shop" Tax meeting with Congressman Peter Roskam on August 9 at 9:00 at Mike Kenyon's farm. Lastly he mentioned to the Board about the IFB Policy Development Webinars to be viewed on Fridays from noon to 12:30 about a variety of topics related to farming in IL. An email through Constant Contact will be sent to M Members inviting them to join the meeting.

A written AITC report was presented from Suzi Myers.

The Young Farmers met on Wednesday, July 31 for a Discussion Meet. They also participated in National Night Out on August 1. The group discussed the Fair display, the upcoming Quiz Bowl, and the Grain Bin Safety Display.

The Women's Committee's final update, the committee "Appreciation & Farewell" luncheon was August 2 at Fireside Grille in Sugar Grove.

Correspondence was circulated from: Monica Zimmerman, thanks for Chuck Swanson Memorial Scholarship, KCFB Foundation; Rich Guebbert Jr., Ellis Grove & Davis Erickson, both announcing candidacy for IFB President; Scott Halpin, Gardner and Dale Hadden, Jacksonville both announcing candidacy for IFB Vice President; Belinda Meyer, AGCO - enclosing \$2500 for a new AGCO Platinum scholarship for 2018; Nick & Elizabeth Turk - thanks for Winner's Choice raffle prize, KCFB Foundation; Drew Gould,

Stephany Barton, Mackenzie Engel, Zeke Wackerlin - thanks for sponsorship of 4-H plaques; Jessica Dunteman - thanks for purchasing steer at Kane County Fair.

The next scheduled Kane County Farm Bureau Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, September 7th at 7:30pm.



Photos, top to bottom:

KCFB staff & Young Farmers committee members helped kids learn about farm safety at the "National Night Out Against Crime". Hundreds of families attended the event which featured armored vehicles, a K-9 unit and a helicopter fly-in. Similar events were held in communities across the country to build relationships between community groups and the public and strengthen bonds with local law enforcement.



John Biddle's 7330 John Deere tractor was once again a big hit with adults and kids at the Kane County Sheriff's Office "National Night Out Against Crime" in August. Children of all ages enjoyed getting to sit and "drive" a real tractor.

## 'Start Seeing Farmers' signs available

With fall harvest right around the corner, the Kane County Farm Bureau is offering "Start Seeing Farmers" road signs to help remind drivers to take care on roads where farmers are likely to be traveling.

The 3'x3' seasonal signs read "START SEEING FARMERS" in prominent black lettering on a white background. They can be placed in the ground by hand at strategic roadside locations any time field work is being done and near fields this fall to warn drivers of activity such as semi-trucks hauling grain, combines, tractors and grain wagons, which are on the road during harvest time.

The road signs help mark National Farm Safety & Health Week, September 17-23 and are available at the KCFB office to farmer members free of charge with a limit of two per member while supplies last.



## Lenkaitis & Gehrke to represent District 1 at State Discussion Meet

District 1 & 2 Discussion Meets took place on July 31 at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau. The Young Leader Discussion Meet contest is an exchange of ideas and information, about a particular topic, in which contestants must analyze problems and determine logical solutions.

The 4 participants from District 1, Carolyn Gehrke, Sarah Lenkaitis, Michael Long and Wayne Gehrke, are all from Kane County. Both Sarah Lenkaitis and Carolyn Gehrke were selected to represent District 1 at the state discussion meet during the IFB Annual Meeting in December.

The topics for the

evening were "Farmers are a shrinking percentage of the population. How can Farm Bureau help first-generation farmers and ranchers get started in agriculture?" and "How can Farm Bureau help members with increasing legal and regulatory obstacles so they can focus on farming and ranching?"

The purpose of the discussion meet is to provide young Farm Bureau members involved

with production agriculture the opportunity to develop their skills in basic discussion techniques. Other objectives are:

- To improve the ability of the contestants to analyze problems and determine logical

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You receive the Kane County Farmer because you are a Farm Bureau member. If you are a farm operator or owner, you benefit from a local, state and national organization committed to agriculture and your way of life.

If you do not have direct ties to farming, your membership helps promote local farms and farming, encourages wise use of our limited natural resources and preserves farmland and our agricultural heritage while allowing you to enjoy COUNTRY insurance and the many other benefits of one of Illinois' premier membership organizations.

We appreciate your membership and continued support and we welcome your comments on the content of the Farmer. We encourage you to make recommendations about farm, home, food, natural resource, renewable energy or agricultural heritage and history related topics for inclusion in future issues of the Farmer.



| KANE COUNTY FARM BUREAU BOARD ATTENDANCE<br>JANUARY 2017 THRU DECEMBER 2017 |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|   | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JULY | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
| C. BRADLEY  | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X    | X   |     |     |     |     |
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| B. COLLINS  | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X    | X   |     |     |     |     |
| C. COLLINS  | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X    | X   |     |     |     |     |
| J. ENGEL  | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X    | X   |     |     |     |     |
| G. GAITSCH  | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   |     | X    | X   |     |     |     |     |
| B. GEHRKE   | X   |     | X   | X   | X   |     | X    | X   |     |     |     |     |
| W. KECK   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X    | X   |     |     |     |     |
| M. KENYON   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X    | X   |     |     |     |     |
| K. KETTLEKAMP   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X    | X   |     |     |     |     |
| D. LEHRER   |     | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X    | X   |     |     |     |     |
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# National Farm Safety and Health Week

Farming remains one of the most hazardous occupations in the United States. That is why Kane County Farm Bureau is working with the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety to promote safety and health in your community.

National Farm Safety and Health Week is September 17-23. This year's theme is "Putting Farm Safety Into Practice." The theme reinforces the importance of establishing safe farm practices to be sure farmers make it home to their family at night.

There were almost 600 deaths and 70,000 disabling injuries attributed to agriculture in 2010. These figures are especially important during harvest season, as farmers are putting in long hours under the stress of weather delays,

equipment breakdowns, and high operating costs.

Whether you are an equipment dealer, veterinarian, farmer, or a member of the non-farming public, everyone plays a role in promoting safety. Think of it like cogs in a machine; alone each cog is just one small part of a system, but together, it makes a system work.

Thank you to Kane County farmers, farm workers and their families, and all of our partners for working together to reduce the number of deaths, injuries, and health issues. For more information visit [necasag.org](http://necasag.org).



Putting **FARM SAFETY** into **PRACTICE**  
**National Farm Safety & Health Week**  
 September 17-23, 2017

# Master Gardeners host Idea Garden Tours

The Kane County Master Gardeners will host one more Idea Garden open house event this year. The 2017 Idea Garden continues to showcase designs that are easy to replicate at home, but with some new featured ideas.

"Skip the apps and websites, and come see inspirational garden ideas in-person," said Sarah Fellerer, Program Coordinator for University of Illinois Extension. "Come see what plants work well in a three-season bed, a children's garden, a pollinator patch or a cutting garden. Plus, visit other beds of various vegetables, fruits, and flowers, and stop by the year-round rain garden and prairie garden."

The remaining open house will be Tuesday, Sept. 12. Visitors also are welcome to stop

in during workdays on other Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. The Kane County Master Gardener Idea Garden is located at the corner of Peck Road and Route 38 in St Charles. Visitors can enter via the Route 38 driveway.

Do you have questions about your garden, lawn, or trees? Call the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Help Desk of Kane County at 630-584-6166, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information on University of Illinois Extension programs, visit [web.extension.illinois.edu/dkk/](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/dkk/). University of Illinois Extension provides educational programs and research-based information to help Illinois residents improve their quality of life, develop skills and solve problems.

# Defensive Driving Class

The Kane County Farm Bureau Women's Committee has scheduled a 55 Alive Mature Driving Program for Tuesday and Wednesday, September 19 and 20. The class runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day at Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles. You must attend both sessions to complete the course.

The eight hour course covers driving in various road and weather conditions, passing techniques, the effects of alcohol and drugs on driving and

other defensive driving methods. Many insurance companies may offer a discount on auto insurance to those ages 55 and older that qualify and attend all eight hours of the course. Contact your insurance agent for more details.

Attendees must be licensed drivers. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$15 per person for AARP members and \$20 for non-members (payable the first day) to cover the cost of materials. For more information or to register, contact Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660.

# Fall harvest decorations sale

**Fall Harvest & Halloween Decorations**  
 sales benefit the Kane County Farm Bureau **FOUNDATION**



| Pre-order, by the piece                       |              | Number | Total \$ |
|---|--------------|--------|----------|
| Straw bales (full bale)                       | each \$7.00  | _____  | _____    |
| carving pumpkins (17-24#, approx. 12" dia.)   | each \$ 5.00 | _____  | _____    |
| pie pumpkins (soft ball sized)                | each \$ 2.25 | _____  | _____    |
| assorted small gourds/mini pumpkins (3-6 in.) | ea. \$ 1.25  | _____  | _____    |
| indian corn (tied in 3's)                     | each \$ 4.00 | _____  | _____    |
| mums (assorted colors) 9" pot                 | each \$ 7.00 | _____  | _____    |
| <b>TOTAL \$</b>                               |              | _____  | _____    |

| or by the package          | corn shocks | straw bales | carving pumpkins | gourds/mini's | pie pumpkins | indian corn | mums 5-6" | Total \$ |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| <b>\$30, the townhouse</b> | 1           | 0           | 2                | 4             | 1            | 1           | 1         | _____    |
| <b>\$60, the cottage</b>   | 2           | 1           | 3                | 6             | 2            | 2           | 2         | _____    |
| <b>\$90, the homestead</b> | 3           | 2           | 4                | 8             | 4            | 3           | 4         | _____    |
| <b>TOTAL \$</b>            |             |             |                  |               |              |             |           | _____    |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL \$</b>      |             |             |                  |               |              |             |           | _____    |

Return with payment to KCFB Foundation, 2N710 Randall Rd., St Charles, IL 60174.  
 Cash, check, VISA/MC accepted. Non-members add 10% to total.  
 Pre-order deadline is Friday, September 22.

Pick-up at the Kane County Farm Bureau anytime after October 6th. M-F, 9:00 -4:00.  
 A la carte sales will also be available without pre-order -only while supplies last.

All proceeds benefit Ag Literacy and Scholarship programs of the KCFB FOUNDATION.  
 Don't forget to order straw for fall garden mulching - for more info, call 630 584-8660.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# The times, they are a changin'

Interested in getting more information on upcoming Kane County Farm Bureau events, membership benefits, Farm Bureau news, volunteer opportunities, etc. from Farm Bureau and other local sources? Give us your email address and we will add you to our list of other members interested in being kept up to date on all the latest happenings within the organization.

**As an incentive, Farm Bureau members who send in their email address will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Grocery Certificate card to Meijer.** To enter, fill out the form below and mail it back to the KCFB office. Winners will be drawn on the 15th of every month.

Return to: Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Rd, St. Charles, IL 60174

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Fill It In and Win!

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By Suzi Myers



One of the things that fascinate me is American Indian folklore. Their knowledge of the earth was a necessary part of their existence. The moon was central to their world, so they named each month's moon to coincide with what happened during that specific time of the year.

The moon in September has many different names, depending upon the tribe, as you can see on the chart at right; the moon names denote what's happening in their lives.

This September the special name for the moon is The Harvest Moon which is the full moon that is closest to the autumnal equinox (on September 22nd). The Harvest Moon falls in October every third year. It is the only full moon name that is determined by the equinox rather than a month. Its name comes from the fact that the moon is bright and rises about 30 minutes earlier

than other full moons which allow the farmers more time to finish their harvest chores.

When I look up at the full moon, I see "the man on the moon", although I have some friends that simply can't see it. There are many stories as to why there's a man on the moon.

A longstanding European tradition holds that the man was banished to the moon for some crime. Christian lore commonly held that he is the man caught gathering sticks on the Sabbath. Some Germanic cultures thought he was a man caught stealing from a neighbor's hedgerow to repair his own. There is a Roman legend that he is a sheep-thief.

In Haida mythology, the figure represents a boy gathering sticks. The boy's father had told him the moon's light would brighten the night, allowing the chore to be completed. Not wanting to gather sticks, the boy complained and ridiculed the

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moon. As punishment for his disrespect, the boy was taken from earth and trapped on the moon. There are many more explanations of the man in the moon; while some cultures in Asia believe it is a rabbit on the moon.

Whatever name you put to this September full moon, or what you see as you look at the face of the moon, I'm hoping you enjoy the beauty of this special Harvest Moon.

| Tribe Name        | September Moon                        |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Algonquin         | Between Harvest and Eating Corn Moon  |
| Chippewa & Ojibwe | Rice Moon                             |
| Cherokee          | Nut Moon                              |
| Cheyenne          | Drying Grass Moon                     |
| Hopi              | Full Harvest Moon                     |
| Mohawk            | Time of Much Freshness                |
| Sioux             | Plums of Scarlet                      |
| Tewa Pueblo       | Moon When Corn is Taken In            |
| Yuchi             | Hay Cutting                           |
| Zuni              | Everything Ripens & Corn is Harvested |

## Book of the month

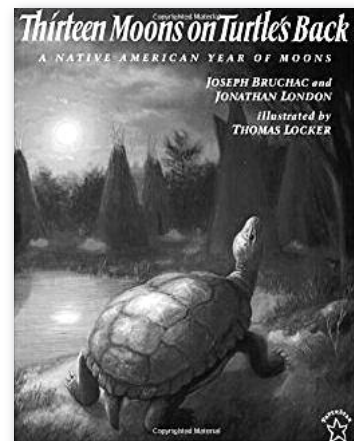
"The native people of North America have always depended upon the natural world for their survival. Watching the changes going on in the natural world with each season, they also look up into the sky and see it changing."

Every year there are 13 moon cycles consisting of 28 days from one full moon to the next. A turtle's back has a pattern of 13 large scales, which the Native Americans equate to the 13 moons in each year ... which explains the name of the book.

The book contains moon stories from various tribes. One of these stories is from the Cherokee, which explains the Moon of Falling Leaves. Long

ago, trees were told that they had to stay awake for 7 days and 7 nights. Only the cedar, the pine and the spruce could stay awake, all others fell asleep. As a reward for staying awake, the pine trees were allowed to be always green. All the trees that fell asleep were made to shed their leaves. So each autumn, the leaves of the trees caught sleeping fall, covering the ground with leaves as colorful as the flowers that come in the spring.

If this book interests you, please come in and borrow it from our library which we started years ago after a request from Bob Konen and Dean Dunn.



*Thirteen Moons on Turtle's Back: A Native American Year of Moons* by Joseph Bruchac and Jonathan London

## Free family portrait for KCFB members

Kane County Farm Bureau is offering members an outstanding opportunity to gather your family for a free professional portrait sitting at the KCFB office in St. Charles. As a Farm Bureau member family, you will receive a FREE 8"x 10" full color portrait of your family. Individual poses are available; however this program is limited to one (1) FREE portrait per family or household. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult in the free portrait. You will be able to view your photos immediately on a digital viewing system.

Appointments are available Friday Oct. 6 from 2 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, October 7 from 10 am to 4pm. Family photos

make a wonderful gift. Appointments fill quickly! Click on "schedule portrait" at [www.kanecfb.com](http://www.kanecfb.com) or call the Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660.



*Time to update your family portrait? Make your appointment and get a FREE 8x10.*

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# Farm Facts @ Fun

Compiled by Suzi Myers



## Breakfast

Fuel your day with flavor from farm-grown ingredients!

### The history of breakfast

In the 15th century, the word "breakfast" came into use in written English to describe a morning meal, which literally means to break the fasting period of the prior night; in Old English the term was *morgentmete* meaning "morning meal."

The Industrial Revolution of the 19th century – and the rise of factory work and office jobs that accompanied it – normalized breakfast, transforming it from an indulgence to an expectation. The later years of the 1800s, in particular, saw an expansion of the morning meal into a full-fledged social event. Wealthy Victorians in the U.S. and in England dedicated rooms in their homes to breakfast-

ing, considering the meal a time for the family to gather before they scattered for the day. Newspapers targeted themselves for at-the-table consumption by the men of the families. Morning meals of the wealthy often involved enormous, elaborate spreads: meats, stews, sweets.

The cereals invented by Graham and Kellogg and C.W. Post became popular in part because they could simply be poured into bowls, with no cooking required; soon, technological developments were doing their own part to turn the laborious breakfasts of the 19th century into briefer, simpler affairs. The advent of toasters meant that stale bread could be

quickly converted, with the help of a little butter and maybe some jam, into satisfying meals. Waffle irons and electric griddles and the invention in Bisquit, in 1930, did the same. Those appliances and other cooking aids made breakfast more convenient to produce during a time that found more and more women leaving the home for the workplace – first in response to the labor shortages brought about by the World Wars, and then on their own accord.

"Breakfast is the most important meal of the day." was a marketing strategy started in 1944.

The average person sits down to breakfast at 7:31am during the week and 8:28 am at the weekend.

### Cereal Facts

- A cereal is any grass cultivated for the edible components of its grain composed of the endosperm, germ, and bran.
- The word cereal derives from Ceres, the name of the Roman goddess of harvest and agriculture.
- The first cereal grains were domesticated by early primitive humans, about 8,000 years ago
- 50 percent of Americans start their days with cereal.
- Americans consume 101 pounds or 160 bowls of cereal per person every year.
- The first breakfast cereal, originally named "Granula," was invented in the United States in 1863 by James Caleb Jackson.
- Corn Flakes have been around since 1906.
- The number of different types of breakfast cereals in the U.S. has grown from 160 (1970) to 340 (1998) to 4,945 (2012).
- In the 1930s, the first puffed cereal, Kix, went on the market.
- Wheaties was introduced in 1924 by General Mills. By 1925, Wheaties had become the "Breakfast of Champions."
- Cheerios were originally called "Cheerioats." The name was changed in 1945.
- Kellogg's Sugar Smacks, created in 1953, had 56% sugar by weight.
- To create puffed cereals, makers use a pressure-cooking method called "gun-puffing," a process that Quaker Oats developed at the turn of the 20th century.
- Astronauts ate Kellogg's Corn Flakes aboard Apollo 11, the first moon landing
- Battle Creek, Mich., is nicknamed the "Cereal City" because it's the world headquarters of Kellogg Company.

### Frittata brings fresh flavors to breakfast

Frittata is an Italian omelet. It is delicious for breakfast, lunch or dinner. It can be made with any combination of vegetables, including onions or scallions, tomatoes, potatoes, mushrooms, corn, peas, kale, spinach, Swiss chard, broccoli, and others. Fresh herbs such as parsley and dill make it even more delicious. Below is just one version.

#### Ingredients

- 2 1/2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 medium potato, unpeeled, quartered and thinly sliced
- 1 medium onion, thinly sliced
- 1 bunch spinach, rinsed and chopped
- 6 large eggs
- Salt and freshly ground pepper



to taste

#### Procedure

Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in a 10-inch non-stick fry pan. Add potatoes and onions and sauté on medium heat for about 8-10 minutes, until potatoes are lightly browned and cooked through. If vegetables look too dry, add a tablespoon of water to the pan.

Add spinach to the pan and cook for 3-4 more minutes, until spinach is wilted. Season the vegetables with salt and pepper.

In the meantime, beat eggs in a large bowl and season with salt and pepper.

Pour potato and spinach mixture into the bowl with the eggs and mix gently.

Add the remaining half tablespoon of olive oil to the frying pan, and pour the egg and vegetable mixture back into the pan. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cover with a lid and let cook 5-7 minutes, or until the underside is lightly browned.

Remove from heat and loosen the edges with a spatula. Lay a large plate (large enough to cover the whole pan) upside down over the frittata. With one hand on the bottom of the plate, and the other on the handle of the pan, flip the frittata upside down onto the plate. Gently slide the frittata back into the pan and cook over medium-low heat until the egg is firm throughout. As an alternative to flipping it: place the pan with the half-cooked frittata into a 350 degree oven for about 15 minutes or until cooked through.

Remove from heat and slide frittata onto a plate or cutting board. Cut into triangles like a pizza and serve hot or at room temperature for breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

### Breakfast Foods Trivia:

The first pancakes were called *Alita Dolcia* ("another sweet" in Latin) and were made by Romans in the 1st Century AD. The first ready-mix food was Aunt Jemima pancake flour sold in 1889 in St Joseph, Missouri.

Breakfast sausage (or country sausage) is a type of fresh pork sausage. It originated as a way for farmers to make use of as much of their livestock (usually pigs) as possible. Scraps and trimmings were ground, seasoned and later consumed by the farmer as an inexpensive, high-protein morning meal.

Sticky buns have been consumed since the Middle Ages, at which time cinnamon became more prominent.

### Breakfast

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### September is...

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- Honey Month
- All American Breakfast Month
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- Food Safety Education Month
- Papaya Month
- Rice Month

#### And every food has its day

- National Date-Nut Bread Day – September 8
- TV Dinner Day – 10
- National Cream Filled Donut Day – 14
- Eat a Hoagie Day – 14
- National Guacamole Day – 16
- National Cheeseburger Day – 18
- International Banana Festival – 21
- National White Chocolate Day – 23
- Family Day, *Eat dinner with your family* – 25
- National Corned Beef Hash Day – 27
- National Coffee Day – 29

### Congratulations

**Tammy Lloyd** of Elburn! Her name was chosen from the entries received for correctly completing last month's Word Search Puzzle. For her participation, she receives a fun fair themed gift! Thank you, Tammy, for reading the *Kane County Farmer* and continue to watch each month for more great opportunities from the Kane County Farm Bureau.

# How can YOU benefit from new member benefits?

Nowadays, smartphones are prevalent and everyone is searching for the next way to save money. What if you were able to save money right from your smart phone? Well, with the new Illinois Farm Bureau Membership Benefits app, you can do just that. Kane County Farm Bureau members now have access to over 200,000 additional member benefits and discounts iPhone App.

"We're extremely pleased to offer this new platform for our members, giving them added

discounts on hotels, theme parks, restaurants, movies and everything in between," said Melissa Rhode, Marketing Director, Illinois Farm Bureau. "Best of all, the app shows both local and national discounts and can even notify members when they're near a business that offers discounts."

Accessing this new web platform is easy and convenient. Just visit at <https://ilfb.abenity.com>, create an account and provide your Illinois Farm Bureau membership ID number (ex. 045-

99999, but do NOT use the letter at the end of the member number on your membership card). Members can also go to the iPhone App Store, search IL Farm Bureau Membership Benefits and download the app on their iPhone or iPad. Once downloaded, members may cus-

tomize the app to include frequently used offers; search offers by business name, location and category; and provide instant in-store discounts at nearby restaurants and retailers.

"Our members have nothing to lose and everything to gain with this new platform," Rhode

said. "Members will find more than 302,000 discounts on top of what is already available through their Illinois Farm Bureau membership."

Members who have questions about the app or about member benefits may contact KCFB at 630-584-8660.

## Meet us at the Kane County Country Market

Described by its store manager as "an upscale Cracker Barrel", few development projects in rural Kane County have attracted as much curiosity and attention, or generated as many positive reviews on social media, as the new Kane County Country Market at 4N250 Route 47. Opened in October, the Market is drawing plenty of attention from those who want to visit what amounts a general store /restaurant/coffee bar/farm & garden market, etc., that sells other stuff too.

On September 13, Kane County Farm Bureau invites members aged 18-35 to visit the market for a private dinner and tour of the facilities, followed by a Q & A session with its management. "It's part of an effort to welcome and attract potential new members, especially those with farm related careers and interests, into the fold of the social, community service and

leadership training opportunities offered by the Farm Bureau's Young Farmers Committee" said Wayne Gehrke of Maple Park, chairman of the group. "We'll have a short meeting to discuss other interesting local sites for future gatherings and dispense with some quick business, but our primary purpose is to welcome those who may be interested in Young Farmer activities and

to learn more about the Kane County Country Market."

There is no cost for the dinner and tour but reservations are required. The event is limited to KCFB members aged 18-35 with farm related careers and interests, along with current YF Committee members and their invited guests. Reservations can be made by calling the KCFB, 630 584-8660 by September 7.

## Ag Stormwater Committee to meet Sept. 11

The recently formed Agricultural Stormwater Subcommittee of the Kane County Stormwater Management Technical Advisory Committee will meet September 11 at the KCFB at 5:00 pm. The Subcommittee was formed to address shortcomings in the 2001 Stormwater Ordinance and Technical Manual in regards to farms and agricultural lands.

The September meeting will specifically talk about Detention threshold triggers and design parameters, which would include when detention should

be required for an agricultural site. Meeting attendees will also discuss the current release rate of stormwater from detention and how the stormwater detained for a new development is released to a downstream agricultural property.

Local farmers, farmland owners and drainage district commissioners are welcome to attend these sub-committee meetings to share their knowledge and experience. RSVP's are requested. For more information, contact Steve Arnold at 630 584-8660 or Jodie Wollnik at (630) 232-3499.

## What's new in the COUNTRY agencies?

**St. Charles Agency, Bob Effner, Agency Manager**

**SHERRY LOCHEN** has been named the Financial Representative of the Month for July 2017 in the St. Charles/Elgin Agency, as announced by Agency Manager, Robert J. Effner, Sr., CLF®, LUTCF. Sherry has provided plans for addressing the immediate and long term insurance needs of her clients through COUNTRY Financial's diverse products and services. Let Sherry's expertise help you! You may reach Sherry at 847-742-0004, [sherry.lochen@countryfinancial.com](mailto:sherry.lochen@countryfinancial.com). Congratulations, Sherry!

**Aurora Agency, Kevin Gomes, Agency Manager**

**RYAN MIZGATE**, Financial Representative with the Aurora Agency, is our Financial Representative of the Month for July 2017. Ryan began his career with COUNTRY Financial in June of 2014 and services clients out of his office located at: 1161 Oak Street North Aurora, 60542 (630) 907-9485.

Ryan's professionalism, community involvement and vast knowledge of auto, home, life, commercial and financial products make him a great person to do business with. Congratulations, Ryan!

## KCFB supports local 4-Hers

Each year, on the Sunday of the Kane County Fair, the Kane County 4-H Foundation hosts a Blue Ribbon Sale where the grand champion, reserve champion and other animals from 4-H exhibitors at the fair are auctioned off to bidders in the area. This sale allows businesses, families, and organizations to purchase quality animals which were raised and cared for by Kane County 4-Hers. The Auction also helps support the

entire 4H program, with funds raised through a sales commission paid for by the sellers. In 2017, the sale generated more than \$100,000 for local 4Hers!

The Kane County Farm Bureau has always been a proud supporter of the Blue Ribbon sale and placed the winning bid on three different animals this year.

Besides supporting the 4-H Foundation, there are many other benefits to participating in

the sale as a buyer. All buyers are publically recognized through news releases & radio programs, and on a recognition sign displayed in a prominent place on the fairgrounds. In addition, all buyers are invited to a Dinner hosted by the 4-H Foundation.

For more information on the Blue ribbon sale or to learn more ways to support the 4-H Foundation, contact the 4-H Extension office.



## Recruiter of the Month

Each month we honor the person who signs the most members into our organization.

This month, the honor goes to Felipe Rocha! Felipe has been a COUNTRY Financial Representative since August of 2011. His office is located at 541 N.



Felipe Rocha

Lake Street, Aurora. As a token of our appreciation, Felipe receives two tickets to

Charlestowne Movie Theater. Thank you for your continued support of the Kane County Farm Bureau and congratulations on your success!

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**Event Management** – to work with volunteers & committees to promote agriculture, farms and food at Farm Bureau and community events in Kane County.

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## Trail Rides and Restless Minds

By Kristi Van Oost



Sometimes on the weekends, particularly in fall, I am asked to lead horseback riding trail rides at Tower Hill Stables. This is one of those weekend activities that I am always excited to do, as I get to spend a good amount of time riding one of my favorite horses and meeting new people ... two things I love to do. A few weeks ago I had one such weekend, and got the pleasure of meeting an 11 year old birth-day girl and her mother.

Immediately after the pair walked into the office, I could tell this ride was going to be pretty special. The young girl could barely contain her excitement as she patiently waited for me to finish preparing the horses for our ride. Promptly after introducing the two to their horses the mother informed me to be prepared to have my ear talked off as her energetic daughter had a tendency to do that to people. I laughed and helped the two mount up on the horses I had chosen for them, Glory and Rosco, and went through the rules of the ride before mounting my own horse, Bonnie.

Not three feet into the ride,

and the girl behind me on Glory was already telling me all about herself ... where she went to school, how old she was, what her favorite activities were ... the list went on and on. Of course, I didn't mind and humored the girl with responses to everything, which only made her talk more.

After testing her knowledge about horses by asking her what color certain animals were, she turned to see another field just past a line of trees. Noticing that this field has a lot of "grass" but no fence, she asked why there were no horses there and if we could ride through that one. Looking at what she was talking about, I had to hide a laugh. She was pointing at the soybean field owned by the neighboring farmers.

I quickly informed the girl what the "grass" in the field was and why we couldn't just go take our horses into that field. From that moment on her conversation changed to questions, first about the soybean field then to what soybeans were used for and so on. For the remainder of our ride, I told her about the different crops she could see in the neighboring fields including soybeans, hay, and corn.

When our ride came to an end, the girl dismounted Glory, gave her a big hug and then gave me a big hug. Her mother thanked me for the great time and for entertaining her daughter, and ensured me that they would be back. As they walked back to their car, I overheard the girl tell her mother that when she grows up, she wants to know all about horses, plants, and farms just like me.

It is times like that that I am reminded why I love my chosen industry so much. There is always new information to share, and people like that young girl and her mother who are excited to gain new knowledge in the area.

## Fun at the Kane County Fair

Top to bottom:

Kids enjoyed seeing (and sitting on) "MOO-A-LISA" while dressing up and taking selfies at the Kane County Farm Bureau selfie station. Fair goers loved putting on masks, hats, and other items to pose for a quick pic at the fair.

Fair goer Christine Scharf tested her luck at the KCFB Foundation bucket raffle, hoping to win one of 52 prizes donated. Thanks to donors and supporters like Christine, the Foundation raised over \$2,000 for scholarships and ag-in-the classroom efforts at this year's Kane County Fair.

Kane County Fair-goers enjoyed pondering questions about farm animals as they tried their hands at KCFB's annual scavenger hunt at the fair. Children ages 5-10 who brought back their completed cards were rewarded with an ice cream ticket.

On Friday, July 21st fair goers were invited to help paint a large canvas and enjoy some ice cream. KCFB President Joe White went to work painting the barn and animals on one side of the canvas. The other side has a rendition of "American Gothic" created by our staff artist Valerie Johnson.



See the Bucket Raffle and Silent Auction winners on page 8



## Plan a day in the country

It's the perfect time of year to take the entire family outdoors! This fall, spend a day at your local apple orchard or pumpkin farm! Pick apples, go for a hay ride or choose the perfect pumpkin for your Halloween Jack-O-Lantern. Here are some great and local farms, perfect for a fall family outing! Visit [www.bountyofkane.org](http://www.bountyofkane.org) for a complete list of direct farm markets and farmer's markets in Kane County.



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(continued from page 2)

- To provide a current topic which stimulates motivation for continued involvement in Farm Bureau.
- To stimulate logical thinking and a desire to seek accurate information.
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# Kane County 4-H Foundation names 2017 scholarship recipients

The Kane County 4-H Foundation recently provided a total of \$4,000 in scholarship funds to five Kane County youth, all who were acknowledged at the Blue Ribbon Sale on Saturday, July 22.

Scholarship recipients were selected based on: 4-H Youth Development program involve-

ment, 4-H achievements, community service, school involvement and future plans. High school seniors, and post-high school students enrolled full-time in an educational program, were encouraged to apply.

**Elena Halverson** – \$500 scholarship, made possible by Woodman’s Markets – Elena is

a 10-year 4-H'er, and is a member of Lincoln Highway 4-H Club. She is a graduate of Hinckley-Big Rock High School and will be attending Kishwaukee College. Elena plans to study diesel technology and hopes to pursue a career in mechanics. Her parents are Don and Kim Halverson of DeKalb.

**Erica Johnson** – \$500 Bob Konen Memorial Scholarship – Erica is a 5-year 4-H'er and a member of Kaneville Classics 4-H Club. This fall, she will be attending Waubensee Community College where she will study graphic arts and design. She hopes to pursue a career in animation. Her parents are Eric and Brenda Johnson in Maple Park.

**Madde Klinkey** – \$1,000 Scholarship from 4-H Foundation – Madde is a 9-year 4-H'er. She is a member of A Bit

More 4-H Club. This fall, Madde will be attending William Woods University, pursuing a degree in equine administration. Her parents are Rob and Sandy Klinkey of St. Charles.

**Emily Studt** – \$1,000 Scholarship from 4-H Foundation – Emily was an 11-year member of 4-H, graduating from the UnFOURgettables 4-H Club. She attends St. Ambrose University and is working toward her goal of a doctorate degree in physical therapy. She is the daughter of Christine Studt of Elgin.

**Rebecca Dunteman** – \$1,000 Scholarship from 4-H Foundation – Rebecca is a 10-year member of 4-H and is part of the Big Rock Cowhands 4-H Club. This fall, Emma will attend Western Illinois University and plans to study education. Her parents are Bill and Kari

Dunteman of Big Rock.

All monies for these scholarships are made available through fundraising efforts and private donations to the Kane County 4-H Foundation. The Bob Konen Memorial Scholarship was first available in 2010 and is made possible through memorial donations from family and friends. Konen was a 50-year 4-H supporter serving as a member, club leader, and a volunteer.

Donations and monies raised by the Kane County 4-H Foundation support many countywide events and activities including volunteer support, training, and recognition; 4-H Government Day; fair activities and fair awards; clean barn awards; educational scholarships; and general 4-H and University of Illinois Extension office support.

## 2017 KCFB Foundation fundraisers at Kane County Fair

Congratulations to these lucky winners of Bucket Raffle and Silent Auction Items and thank you for your support of the KCFB Foundation and agricultural education.

### Bucket Raffle:

| #  | Item  | Winner             |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1  | 3 Toy Cars and Garage                               | Abby Mower         |
| 2  | Free Complimentary Pizza of your Choice             | Melanie Peters     |
| 3  | \$25 Jimmy's Charhouse Gift Card                    | Mike Jakublee      |
| 4  | 33 Piece Kobalt Screwdriver Set                     | Jeff Geisler       |
| 5  | \$25 gift certificate to Café Roma                  | Craig Bradley      |
| 6  | Foursome With Carts Hughes Creek Golf Club          | Stephanie Davis    |
| 7  | \$30 Gift Certificate                               | Dave Klusendorf    |
| 8  | Teeple Barn Gift Set                                | Chuck Pollack      |
| 9  | Gift Certificate                                    | Tim Metz           |
| 10 | USA Athletic Club and Spa Certificate (\$537 value) | Deanna Roby        |
| 11 | \$10 Gift Certificate                               | Marilyn Becker     |
| 12 | \$25 Gift Certificate                               | Kathy Chuvee       |
| 13 | Set of Pin Cushions                                 | Jan                |
| 14 | 3 Large Pizzas & \$25 Gift Certificate              | Bob Ramm           |
| 15 | \$30 Gift Certificate                               | Karen              |
| 16 | 5 \$5 Gift Certificates                             | Linoa Cava         |
| 17 | 2 Family Passes up to 5 People                      | Haviland           |
| 18 | Bird Books  | Jan Paver          |
| 19 | Free Bowling Family Pack                            | Luke Fawles        |
| 20 | 2 Lego Cars   | Nocan              |
| 21 | 3 Family Skating Passes                             | Gonzalo            |
| 22 | 2 1 Day General Admission Passes                    | Taylor Smith       |
| 23 | 2 \$25 Gift Certificates                            | Chuck Pollack      |
| 24 | Elgin Symphony Orchestra Ticket Voucher             | Craig Bradley      |
| 25 | Throw Blanket, Wine, and Wine Glasses               | John Stone         |
| 26 | 6 1 day Free Admission Passes                       | Elizabeth Manshine |
| 27 | Craft Basket  | Chuck Pollack      |
| 28 | 4 \$5 Gift Certificates for Batavia Creamery        | Sylvia Leonberger  |
| 29 | \$50 Gift Certificate Wasco Nursery                 | Dave Klusendorf    |
| 30 | Brewery Tour  | Melissa Dauthbach  |
| 31 | 3 \$10 Gift Certificates                            | Sandy Koukol       |
| 32 | 4 Daily Admission to Stone Creek Mini Golf          | Sara               |
| 33 | ERTL Toy Combine and Semi                           | Sourna             |
| 34 | \$25 Gift Card to Preservation Bread and Wine       | Julia Kneip        |
| 35 | Hat, ILFB Travel Mug, ILFB T-Shirt                  | John Mccaffery     |
| 36 | \$25 Gift Certificate to Needle Things              | Lynn Nackovic      |
| 37 | Scented Candle Basket + Event Room Rental           | Angie Collachia    |
| 38 | 4 Popcorn and Drink Coupons                         | Gayle Wede         |
| 39 | Horse Brush, Lead Rope, Treats, and Bucket          | Melanie Peters     |
| 40 | \$25 Geneva Commons Gift Card                       | Melanie Peters     |
| 41 | 8 Free Admission Passes 2 Dozen Doughnuts           | Cassie Koukol      |
| 42 | 4 Daily Admission to Sunset Pool                    | Valarie Smith      |
| 43 | Spice Set in Box Touring & Tasting for 8 Adults     | Jan                |
| 44 | 4 Tickets to the Kane County Cougars                | Amanda Brad Block  |
| 45 | Dog Basket  | Matt Petersburg    |
| 46 | Pottawatomie Park Discount Book                     | Lauren Jones       |
| 47 | Glass Flower Bowls                                  | Chuck Pollack      |
| 48 | \$50 Costco Card                                    | Janette            |
| 49 | Girls Craft Basket Coloring Supplies                | Emma               |
| 50 | 10 Rounds of Free Mini Golf                         | Trent Smith        |
| 51 | Event for 6 Cups of Frozen Yogurt                   | Sara               |
| 52 | \$10 Gift Certificate, planting class and plant     | Helen Feuenborn    |

### Silent Auction:

| #  | Item Description                                  | Winner            |
|----|---|-------------------|
| 1  | Patio Set   | Charles Pollack   |
| 2  | Lavender Fields by Jaqui Thompson                 | Jen Haviland      |
| 3  | Set of Glasses and Tour & Tasting for 8 Adults    | Melissa Dauthbach |
| 4  | Cowgirl Belt                                      | Helen Feuerborn   |
| 5  | Cubs Stadium Blanket                              | Kristi Van Oost   |
| 6  | \$25 Gift Certificate                             | Chris Gould       |
| 7  | Edible KCFB Gift Set                              | Charles Pollack   |
| 8  | 2 \$25 Gift Certificates                          | Sandy Koukol      |
| 9  | John Deere Bowl                                   | Karen Anderson    |
| 10 | Foursome With Carts (A) Hughes Creek Golf Club    | Dan Pat           |
| 11 | John Deere Socket Set                             | Dale Pitstick     |
| 12 | \$100 Gift Certificate for Buckinghams Steakhouse | Sandy Koukol      |
| 13 | KCFB HAT & ILFB T-shirt (2)                       | Mike Schuiteman   |
| 14 | Golf Basket                                       | Wayne Gehrke      |
| 15 | AGCO Basket- Hat, Koozies, Shirt, Die Cast Semi   | Charles Pollack   |

The 2017 Bucket Raffle Fundraiser at the Kane County Fair raised thousands of dollars for KCFB Foundation scholarships and Ag literacy programs. Thanks to everyone who participated for your support of agricultural education.

## Young Farmers update

Members of the KCFB Young Farmers committee Sarah Lenkaitis and Wayne Gehrke, competed in the Illinois Farm Bureaus Young Leaders Agri-Quiz Bowl competition in August at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield.

They competed against 32 other teams during the all-day event. The contest tested the knowledge of young farmers in agriculture subject areas including Ag Safety, Ag Management, Ag Mechanics, Animal Science, Crop Production, Horticulture, Natural Resources, Ag Statistics and Ag Issues/Current Issues. All questions were multiple choices. The team that was first to the buzzer gave their answer which was hopefully correct!

Wayne Gehrke was part of

the Kane County team that took the 2013 championship title (with Andy Lenkaitis, Trent Pierson and Heather Pierson).

After beating out 3 other teams in the first round, Kane County won their second round, advancing into the single elimination championship round with two other undefeated teams as well as the single winning team from the consolation bracket. The Kane County team was the only team of two people to proceed to the final round. It was neck and neck championship round between Kane County and the Young Leaders from Edwards County.

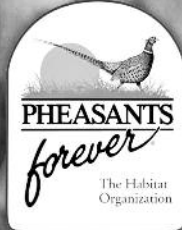
In the end, the Edwards County team ended up winning by 30 points, taking the championship title.

Kane County was the runner up, Christian County placed third and Madison County rounded out the top four.

COUNTRY Financial sponsored this year's event. Teams consist of two to four Illinois Farm Bureau members, all 18-35 years of age.



The Kane County Young Farmers Agri-Quiz Bowl Team consisted of Sarah Lenkaitis and Wayne Gehrke.



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